

**East Coventry Township  
Historical Commission  
October 11, 2006  
Scheduled Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Gail Brown (Chairman), Mary Lib (Vice Chairman), Phyl Snyder (Secretary), Ann Keen, Mary Lib Brower, Elaine Preston, Lynn Coine and Roy Kolb (Liaison to Planning Commission)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

**Old Business**

**Minutes**

Regular Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2006 – L. Coine made the motion to approve the Minutes as amended; seconded by A. Keen. The motion was unanimously approved as amended.

Reorganization Meeting of September 27, 2006 – M. Brower made the motion to approve the Minutes as amended; seconded by E. Preston. The motion was unanimously approved as amended.

**New Members**

E. Preston and L. Coine were welcomed to the Commission. They were unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 2, 2006.

M. Brower contacted Chris Daylor – not able to join Historic Commission but is interested in helping with special projects such as deed research.

**Chester County Historic Preservation's lecture**

"A Return to Simplicity, Colonial Revival Style" was discussed by the attended – G. Brown, E. Preston, L. Coine, and P. Snyder on Sept. 28, 2006. Handouts were given to everyone.

**Historic Resource Atlas**

The "Drive Through" with Jane Davidson was discussed and organized.

Date will be Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006 at 9:AM until approximately 4:00PM.

Driver – E. Preston; AM Group – G. Brown, M. Brower, J. Davidson

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Police to be notified; Sign placed in back window of car; 2 copies of Survey Map – one with information already noted, tape recorder; route already laid out, houses 50 years or older and architecture can be plotted.

J. Davidson is still trying to obtain the 1997 Assessment but it will not be available for Thursday's trip. It would aid with the dates of construction of the houses.

**Historic Properties Research Reports.**

In Process:

G. Brown 18-4-148 Wolag Corporation – 117 Sanatoga Rd.

18-4-197 Linwood Kolb Property – Eblehare Rd.

P. Snyder 18-4-148 Strutynski Property – 2767 Cedarville Rd.

**Training**

L. Coine, E. Preston, P. Snyder will be taking the course for research on Oct. 16, 23, 30.

**Historic Commission Files**

C. LaLonde is mailing letters requesting all present and former members to bring any original historic information to the Township Building to be filed. Any copies requested will be made.

No historic research information, no correspondence, no information of Fricks Lock or Parker Ford Tours given by Historic Commission are in the files.

A new lockable file cabinet has been requested from the Supervisors. Several properties on the calendars are to be kept confidential so it is vital that we have locked files.

E. Preston gave members the former list of contents made years ago. Some of the contents were found in the drawer in the black loose-leaf book. P. Snyder handed out copies of those contents and will have the rest available next meeting.

#### Old Barns

G. Brown could not find any information about it being illegal to demolish old barns. A. Keen reminded us of PA State Inventory of Barns. She has the form and is going to register her barn. G. Brown has book with old barns dating back to 1883.

#### List of E.C. Historical Commission Members

E. Preston made a list and will send it to Jane Davidson as requested.

#### Policy of Reimbursement for Expenses

Expenses will be reimbursed for the Historical Resource Atlas. Supervisors agreed. Track of all mileage must be kept. Forms for Auto Log were discussed. Two signatures should be required and receipts kept and turned into Supervisors.

#### Property Changes

Woodcrest II Drawings indicate house and barn will be demolished (Smith property)  
Page Gowan has advertised part of her property with proposed drawing of subdivision.

#### **New Business**

##### Preservation of Historic Resources

G. Brown passed out copies of East Bradford Code and West Whiteland Code from Jane Davidson. She will deliver the uncodicized Chapter 12 over the week-end. The Commission is to read all three and make comments on their content before Oct. 27, 2006.

##### Newspaper Articles

Ann Keen has been saving articles about East Coventry from the last 3 months. She was advised to keep them for now.

##### Schools

G. Brown suggested we contact the school and see if we can help educate the students about East Coventry's history.

##### Files

A. Keen was appointed Archivist with much help offered from other members.  
New files that contain research will be categorized by tax parcel number on the folders.  
Transmittal forms will be requested to be signed by the office and person bringing the information to keep track of files' contents.  
M. Brower brought a print of Lock Tender's house at Fricks Lock, a description of Fricks Lock Village and the 1757 House. These will be added to the files.

##### Chester County Historical Society

G. Brown gave members information about historical presentations and workshops in the area.

##### Planning Commission Liaison

R. Kolb, Planning Commission liaison, requested that he not have a vote on issues, just discuss. His knowledge of East Coventry is invaluable to the Historic Commission. Any plans that come to the Planning Commission, he will inform the Historic Commission.

##### Budget

2007 Budget discussed and will be completed at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.